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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “One Stop Shop Com-
5 munity Reentry Program Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY REENTRY CENTER GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Attorney General
8 is authorized to carry out a grant program to make grants
9 to eligible entities for the purpose of creating community
10 reentry centers.

11 (b) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Each applica-
12 tion for a grant under this section shall—

13 (1) demonstrate a plan to work with community
14 leaders who interact with formerly incarcerated peo-
15 ple and their families to—

16 (A) identify specific strategies and ap-
17 proaches to providing reentry services;

18 (B) develop a needs assessment tool to sur-
19 vey or conduct focus groups with community
20 members in order to identify—

21 (i) the needs of individuals returning
22 to the community after conviction or incar-
23 ceration, and the barriers such individuals
24 face; and

1 (ii) the needs of the families and com-
2 munities to which such individuals are re-
3 turning; and

4 (C) use the information gathered pursuant
5 to subparagraph (B) to determine the reentry
6 services to be provided by the community re-
7 entry center;

8 (2) identify the correctional institutions from
9 which individuals who are released from incarceration
10 are likely to reenter the community served by
11 the community reentry center, and develop a plan, if
12 feasible, to provide transportation for such released
13 individuals to the community reentry center, to the
14 individual's residence, or to a location where the in-
15 dividual is ordered by a court to report;

16 (3) demonstrate a plan to provide accessible no-
17 tice of the location of the reentry intake and coordi-
18 nation center and the services that it will provide
19 (either directly or on a referral basis), including,
20 where feasible, within and outside of correctional in-
21 stitutions identified under paragraph (1);

22 (4) demonstrate a plan to provide intake and
23 reentry needs assessment that is trauma-informed
24 and gender-responsive after an individual is released
25 from a correctional institution, or, in the case of an

1 individual who is convicted of an offense and not
2 sentenced to a term of imprisonment, after such con-
3 viction, and where feasible, before release, to ensure
4 that the individuals served by the center are referred
5 to appropriate reentry services based on the individ-
6 ual's needs immediately upon release from a correc-
7 tional institution or after conviction, and continu-
8 ously thereafter as needed;

9 (5) demonstrate a plan to provide the reentry
10 services identified in paragraph (1)(C);

11 (6) demonstrate a plan to continue to provide
12 services (including through referral) for individuals
13 served by the center who move to a different geo-
14 graphic area to ensure appropriate case manage-
15 ment, case planning, and access to continuous or
16 new services, where necessary, and based on con-
17 sistent reevaluation of needs;

18 (7) identify specific methods that the commu-
19 nity reentry center will employ to achieve perform-
20 ance objectives among the individuals served by the
21 center, including—

22 (A) increased access to and participation
23 in reentry services;

24 (B) reduction in recidivism rates;

1 (C) increased numbers of individuals ob-
2 taining and retaining employment;

3 (D) increased enrollment in and degrees
4 earned from educational programs, including
5 high school, GED, and institutions of higher
6 education;

7 (E) increased numbers of individuals ob-
8 taining and maintaining housing; and

9 (F) increased self-reports of successful
10 community living, including stability of living
11 situation and positive family relationships; and
12 (8) to the extent practicable, identify State,
13 local, and private funds available to supplement the
14 funds received under this section.

15 (c) PREFERENCE.—The Attorney General shall give
16 preference to applicants that demonstrate that they seek
17 to employ individuals who have been convicted of an of-
18 fense, or served a term of imprisonment and have com-
19 pleted any court-ordered supervision, or that, to the extent
20 allowable by law, employ such formerly incarcerated indi-
21 viduals in positions of responsibility.

22 (d) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—

23 (1) EVALUATION.—The Attorney General shall
24 enter into a contract with a nonprofit organization
25 with expertise in analyzing data related to reentry

1 services and recidivism to monitor and evaluate each
2 recipient of a grant and each community reentry
3 center receiving funds under this section on an ongoing
4 basis.

5 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN.—The nonprofit
6 organization described in paragraph (1) shall provide
7 administrative support to assist recipients of grants
8 authorized by this Act to comply with the conditions
9 associated with the receipt of funding from the Department
10 of Justice.

11 (3) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
12 date on which grants are initially made under this
13 section, and annually thereafter, the Attorney General
14 shall submit to Congress a report on the program,
15 which shall include—

16 (A) the number of grants made, the number
17 of eligible entities receiving such grants,
18 and the amount of funding distributed to each
19 eligible entity pursuant to this section;

20 (B) the location of each eligible entity receiving
21 such a grant, and the population served
22 by the community reentry center;

23 (C) the number of persons who have participated
24 in reentry services offered by a community
25 reentry center, disaggregated by type of

1 services, and success rates of participants in
2 each service to the extent possible;

3 (D) the number of persons who have par-
4 ticipated in reentry services for which they re-
5 ceived a referral from a community reentry cen-
6 ter, disaggregated by type of services, and suc-
7 cess rates of participants in each service;

8 (E) recidivism rates within the population
9 served by each community reentry center, both
10 before and after receiving a grant under this
11 section;

12 (F) the numbers of individuals obtaining
13 and retaining employment within the population
14 served by each community reentry center, both
15 before and after receiving a grant under this
16 section; and

17 (G) the number of individuals obtaining
18 and maintaining housing within the population
19 served by each community reentry center, both
20 before and after receiving a grant under this
21 section.

22 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) COMMUNITY LEADER.—The term “commu-
24 nity leader”—

- 1 (A) means an individual who serves the
2 community in a leadership role; and
3 (B) includes—
4 (i) a school official;
5 (ii) a faith leader;
6 (iii) a social service provider;
7 (iv) a member of a neighborhood asso-
8 ciation;
9 (v) a public safety representative;
10 (vi) an employee of an organization
11 that provides reentry services;
12 (vii) a member of a civic or volunteer
13 group related to the provision of reentry
14 services;
15 (viii) a health care professional; and
16 (ix) an employee of a State, local, or
17 tribal government agency with expertise in
18 the provision of reentry services.

- 19 (2) COMMUNITY REENTRY CENTER.—The term
20 “community reentry center” means a center that—
21 (A) offers intake, reentry needs assess-
22 ments, case management, and case planning for
23 reentry services for individuals returning to the
24 community after conviction or incarceration;

1 (B) provides the reentry services identified
2 under subsection (b)(1)(C) at a single location;
3 and

4 (C) provides referrals to appropriate serv-
5 ice providers based on the assessment of needs
6 of the individuals.

7 (3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
8 ty” means a community-based nonprofit organiza-
9 tion that—

10 (A) has expertise in the provision of re-
11 entry services; and

12 (B) is located in a geographic area that
13 has disproportionately high numbers of resi-
14 dents, when compared to the local community,
15 who—

16 (i) have been arrested;

17 (ii) have been convicted of a criminal
18 offense; and

19 (iii) return to such geographic area
20 after incarceration.

21 (4) REENTRY SERVICES.—The term “reentry
22 services”—

23 (A) means comprehensive and holistic serv-
24 ices that improve outcomes for individuals re-

1 turning to the community after conviction or in-
2 carceration; and

3 (B) includes—

4 (i) seeking and maintaining employ-
5 ment, including through assistance with
6 drafting resumes, establishing emails ac-
7 counts, locating job solicitations, submit-
8 ting of job applications, and preparing for
9 interviews;

10 (ii) placement in job placement pro-
11 grams that partner with private employers;

12 (iii) obtaining free and low-cost job
13 skills classes, including computer skills,
14 technical skills, vocational skills, and any
15 other job-related skills;

16 (iv) locating and maintaining housing,
17 which may include counseling on public
18 housing opportunities, assisting with appli-
19 cations for public housing benefits, locating
20 and securing temporary or long-term shel-
21 ter, and applying for home energy and util-
22 ity assistance programs;

23 (v) obtaining identification cards and
24 driver's licenses;

- 1 (vi) registering to vote, and applying
- 2 for voting rights to be restored, where per-
- 3 mitted by law;
- 4 (vii) applying for or accessing GED
- 5 courses;
- 6 (viii) applying for loans for and ad-
- 7 mission to institutions of higher education;
- 8 (ix) financial counseling;
- 9 (x) legal assistance or referrals for
- 10 record expungement, forfeiture of property
- 11 or assets, family law and custody matters,
- 12 legal aid services (including other civil
- 13 legal aid services), and relevant civil mat-
- 14 ters including housing and other issues;
- 15 (xi) retrieving property or funds re-
- 16 tained by the arresting agency or facility of
- 17 incarceration, or retrieving property or
- 18 funds obtained while incarcerated;
- 19 (xii) transportation, including through
- 20 provision of transit fare;
- 21 (xiii) familial counseling;
- 22 (xiv) problem-solving, in coordination
- 23 with counsel where necessary, any difficul-
- 24 ties in compliance with court-ordered su-
- 25 pervision requirements, including restric-

1 tions on living with certain family mem-
2 bers, contact with certain friends, bond re-
3 quirements, location and residency restric-
4 tions, electronic monitoring compliance,
5 court-ordered substance abuse, and other
6 court-ordered requirements;

7 (xv) communication needs, including
8 providing a mobile phone, mobile phone
9 service or access, or internet access;

10 (xvi) applying for State or Federal
11 government benefits, where eligible, and
12 assisting in locating free or reduced cost
13 food and sustenance benefits;

14 (xvii) life skills assistance;

15 (xviii) mentorship;

16 (xix) medical and mental health serv-
17 ices, and cognitive-behavioral program-
18 ming;

19 (xx) substance abuse treatment;

20 (XXI) reactivation, application for, and
21 maintenance of professional or other li-
22 censes; and

23 (xxii) providing case management
24 services, in connection with court-ordered

1 terms of release, or other local publicly
2 supported social work case management.

3 (5) SUCCESS RATE.—The term “success rate”
4 means the rate of recidivism (as measured by a sub-
5 sequent conviction or return to prison), job place-
6 ment, permanent housing placement, or completion
7 of certification, trade, or other education program.

8 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
10 appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years
11 2022 through 2026 to carry out this section.

12 (2) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—The Attorney
13 General shall ensure that grants awarded under this
14 section are equitably distributed among the geo-
15 graphical regions and between urban and rural pop-
16 ulations, including Indian Tribes, consistent with the
17 objective of reducing recidivism.

18 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR REENTRY SERVICES ASSISTANCE HOT-**
19 **LINES.**

20 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General is au-
22 thorized to make grants to States, Indian Tribes,
23 and units of local government to operate reentry
24 services assistance hotlines that are toll-free and op-
25 erate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

1 (2) GRANT PERIOD.—A grant made under
2 paragraph (1) shall be for a period of not more than
3 5 years.

4 (b) HOTLINE REQUIREMENTS.—A grant recipient
5 shall ensure, with respect to a hotline funded by a grant
6 under subsection (a), that—

7 (1) the hotline directs individuals to local re-
8 entry services (as such term is defined in section
9 2(e));

10 (2) any personally identifiable information that
11 an individual provides to an agency of the State or
12 Indian Tribe through the hotline is not directly or
13 indirectly disclosed, without the consent of the indi-
14 vidual, to any other agency or entity, or person;

15 (3) the staff members who operate the hotline
16 are trained to be knowledgeable about—

17 (A) applicable Federal, State, Tribal, and
18 local reentry services; and

19 (B) the unique barriers to successful re-
20 entry into the community after a person has
21 been convicted or incarcerated;

22 (4) the hotline is accessible to—

23 (A) individuals with limited English pro-
24 ficiency, where appropriate; and

25 (B) individuals with disabilities;

1 (5) the hotline has the capability to engage with
2 individuals using text messages.

3 (c) BEST PRACTICES.—The Attorney General shall
4 issue guidance to grant recipients on best practices for im-
5 plementing the requirements of subsection (b).

6 (d) PREFERENCE.—The Attorney General shall give
7 preference to applicants that demonstrate that they seek
8 to employ individuals to operate the hotline who have been
9 convicted of an offense, or have served a term of imprison-
10 ment and have completed any court-ordered supervision.

11 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
13 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
14 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
15 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

16 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means—

17 (A) a State;
18 (B) the District of Columbia;
19 (C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;
20 and

21 (D) any other territory or possession of the
22 United States.

23 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
24 authorized to be appropriated \$1,500,000 for each of fis-
25 cal years 2022 through 2026 to carry out this section.

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